

BREAKFAST ITEM FOR DCI/SECDEF MEETING

16 July 1982

SUBJECT: Radio Marti

1. Radio Marti is proceeding forward well. Cliff White has been actively handling the Congressional front to get final approvals. He anticipates that it will go to vote in the House in the next few days. He is hopeful that Percy can get it favorably out of the SFRC and on to the Senate floor before summer recess. This is critical and ultimately may need political support, but not yet. He hopes to brief Bill Clark and possibly the President within the week.

2. If the Congressional processes are completed during this session, Cliff White will proceed quickly to staff out Radio Marti. Ken Gibbons has promised to serve as interim Chairman of the Board to facilitate the process. Cliff's ideas are good in terms of what should and should not be done with Radio Marti. (N.B. I introduced him to the Cuban Vice Minister of Culture this morning--the gentleman had left Cuba in December 1981--who was very helpful about what Radio Marti should do.

3. DoD has been very helpful in refurbishing a major transmitter in the Keys. While the transmitter is for "DoD purposes", Radio Marti will be able to use it. Hats off to the DoD.

4. The issue of potential counter actions by Castro vis-a-vis the U.S. mainland are still a matter of considerable concern. Castro has, as you know, two 500 KW transmitters targeted on the U.S. which, if used, will interfere with U.S. radio signals in the Southern U.S.